

# SENATORS RAISE STORM OVER THE ADMINISTRATION WAR POLICIES

Smith of Georgia Introduces  
Resolution for Investigation  
of Great Britain's Interference  
With Commerce.

LODGE'S AMENDMENT  
MORE COMPREHENSIVE

Massachusetts Statesman  
Would Probe Conduct of  
German Submarines and  
Explosion Plots.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The long expected storm in congress over the administration's conduct of the defense of American rights on the seas broke today when Senator Hoke Smith, democrat, demanded an investigation of Great Britain's interference with United States commerce.

Senator Lodge, republican, replied with a demand that any investigation include the loss of American lives.

"The body of an innocent child, floating dead on the water, the victim of destruction of an unarmed vessel, is to me a more poignant and a more tragic spectacle than an ungodly pile of cotton," declared the Massachusetts senator.

Would Put Probe Deep.

To Senator Smith's resolution for an investigation of trade interference, Senator Lodge, who is the ranking majority member of the foreign relations committee, offered an amendment for investigation of the law and the facts in the submarine attacks on the Lusitania, Falaba, Hesperian, Arago, Gulfport and Ancona, and of the plots and conspiracies against the neutrality of the United States to which President Wilson referred in his address to congress Tuesday.

Both resolutions were referred to the foreign relations committee upon which further action will depend. Their introduction, however, had served to bring out the first debate of the session of a subject to which all minds had turned.

Discussion Becomes General.

Senators on both sides of the chamber were drawn into the discussion which was precipitated by a vigorous speech by Senator Smith in support of his resolution.

"I wish to extend the scope of the resolution by my amendment," said Senator Lodge as the Georgia senator concluded, "because if we are to take up this question of the violation of our rights, I want to put it, not on the lowest ground alone, but on the highest ground as well. I think it of great importance that we should vindicate our rights as a neutral in trade if those rights have been violated."

THE WEATHER  
WEATHER FORECAST.  
Washington, Dec. 10.—New Mexico: Sunday fair; Sunday generally fair, but much change in temperature.

LOCAL WEATHER REPORT.  
For twenty-four hours, ending at 6 p. m. yesterday.  
Maximum temperature, 62 degrees; minimum temperature, 25; range, 37. Temperature at 6 p. m. yesterday, 44. North wind, clear.

## The Day in Congress

SENATE.  
Met at noon.  
Senator Robinson introduced a bill for a commission to carry out President Wilson's plan for investigating transportation facilities.

Chairman Overman of the lobby commission re-introduced his bill requiring registration of legislative agents.

Reports of investigations by the Interstate Commerce commission on various resolutions were submitted.

The coal oil and gas land leasing bill was sent to the lands committee over the objection of its author, Senator Walsh.

Senator Hoke Smith proposed a resolution that the senate investigate British interference with neutral commerce.

Senator Cummins proposed appointment of a committee to investigate feasibility of government manufacture of munitions of war.

Resolution by which congress would more clearly define neutrality and call upon officials to vigorously enforce it introduced by Senator Curtis.

Senator Lodge proposed senatorial investigation of bomb plots and submarine attacks on various American and other vessels.

Attended at 4:45 p. m. to noon Monday.

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